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## MEC BRIEFING

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- 1. After government forces landed near Fadang 17 April and occupied city same day, they immediately moved toward dissident capital at 25% Bukittinggi.
  - A. Landings were carried out with little resistance,
  - B. Dissidents could have taken advantage of government's considerable difficulties in approaching beach through high surf.

- II. Fall of Bukittinggi appears imminent.
  - A. Government troops have reached Lubukalung on road northward from Padang.
  - B. On read eastward from Padang, Djakarta ferces have advanced to Lubuksulasih.
- III. Government's other overland moves toward Bukittinggi--two from east acress mountains and one from north through Tapanuli--are continuing.
  - A. From east forces have taken Muara Mahat and Sidjundjung.
  - B. Drive through Tapanuli has been rapid, although pockets of dissidents have been left behind.
    - Djakarta troops have reached important road junction at Padang Sidimpuan.

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